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SUBJ: GOK OIL MINISTER'S VIEWS ON CONSUMER/PRODUCER PREPCON
AND FUTURE KUWAITI OIL PRODUCTION

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1. DURING APRIL 28 MEETING WITH KUWAITI OIL MIN KAZEMI,
AMBASSADOR ASKED GOK'S VIEWS ON BREAKDOWN CONSUMER/PRODUCER
PREPCON. AMBASSADOR SAID US STRONGLY BELIEVED IT SIMPLY
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INFEASIBLE, LET ALONE INAPPROPRIATE, TO DISCUSS ISSUES AT C/P

CONFERENCE DIVORCED FROM ENERGY ISSUES. SURELY IT REASONABLE, HE ADDED, TO ASSUME THAT ANY BROAD DISCUSSION OF ENERGY WOULD IMPINGE ON GREAT MANY OF THE PROBLEMS THAT PRODUCERS AND LDCS MOST CONCERNED ABOUT. KEY WAS FLEXIBILITY AND "GETTING ON WITH THE DIALOGUE."

2. KAZEMI REPLIED GOK DISAPPOINTED WITH BREAKDOWN PREPCON, BUT REMAINED OPTIMISTIC DIALOGUE COULD BE CONTINUED. HE PLANNED MEET WITH SAUDI OIL MINISTER YAMANI IN KUWAIT MAY 3 TO COORDINATE FUTURE STRATEGY. GOK INTENTION WAS TO REMAIN FLEXIBLE AND TO WORK TOWARDS EVENTUAL PRODUCER/CONSUMER MEETING AND GLOBAL UNDERSTANDINGS ON ENERGY ISSUES.

3. WHEN QUERIED RE GOK BASIC POLICY ON FUTURE LEVELS OF CRUDE PRODUCTION, KAZEMI SAID KUWAIT EXPECTED TO PRODUCE IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF TWO MILLION BARRELS PER DAY IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. PRODUCTION COULD GO HIGHER BUT NOT A GREAT DEAL LOWER. HE FORESAW NO AGREEMENT WITHIN OPEC WHICH WOULD REDUCE KUWAITI PRODUCTION BELOW THIS LEVEL. ACCORDING KAZEMI, GOK WILL BE SOLE AGENT IN DETERMINING LOCAL OIL PRODUCTION LEVELS AND NOT CEDE THIS RESPONSIBILITY TO OPEC OR OTHERS. CONCERNING OIL PRODUCTION, AS WITH ALL OTHER MATTERS OF VITAL IMPORTANT TO KUWAIT, GOK WOULD ACT IN ITS OWN NATIONAL INTEREST.
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